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SUBJECT: EC MARITIME TRANSPORT -- UN LINER CODE

REF: A. STATE 194669, B. BRUSSELS 7586

1. CHRISTOPH HINZ, HEAD OF POLICY SECTION OF OCEAN TRANSPORT

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DIVISION, FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY TOLD ECON/COMMERCIAL

OFFICER ON AUG 20 THAT GERMANY, TOGETHER WITH FRANCE AND BELGIUM, HAD AGREED NOT TO RATIFY THE UN LINER CODE IN RETURN FOR EC COMMISSION'S PLEDGE NOT TO INITIATE COURT ACTION AGAINST THEM, AS INDICATED IN REFTELS. HINZ SAID THE AGREEMENT IS BY NO MEANS INFORMAL, SINCE IT IS SET OUT IN A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS AND THE EC COMMISSION.

2. THIS DOCUMENT APPARENTLY STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT ACT TO RATIFY UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1979, AS STATED IN REFTEL A, UNLESS THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS GIVES THEM PERMISSION TO DO SO. THE FRG HAS NOT GIVEN UP ITS INTENT TO RATIFY, ACCORDING TO HINZ, AND WILL WORK WITHIN THE EC TO GET AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES. IF THIS IS NOT PRODUCTIVE, THE FRG WILL RATIFY IN 1979, HE SAID. HINZ ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE EC COMMISSION RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO TAKE THE CASE TO THE EUROPEAN COURT IN THE FUTURE, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B. BROGAN

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